

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James W. Morrow *et al.* **Examiner:** Patel, Niketa I.
Application No.: 09/746,854 **Group Art Unit:** 2181
Filing Date: December 22, 2000 **Confirmation No.** 7292
Office Action Date: April 18, 2006 **Docket No.** 10407-476
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING
REAL TIME CONTROL OF PERIPHERAL DEVICES **Customer No.** 30076

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is responsive to the final Office Action of April 18, 2006, and is timely filed with a one-month extension of time.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. In the present Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-27, and 29-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nair (USPN 6,675,226). Claims 5, 21 and 28 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Nair (USPN 6,675,226) and further in view of Microsoft Computer Dictionary, page 543.

No claims have been amended. No claims have been added or deleted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.

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